



# Chum Line



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This being the last issue of the year and the last month in office of this board and its officers, I would like to thank all of you for the experience. I have felt complimented to be asked to serve and attempted to return some measure of the good which I have received from being a member of LARRC.

This board has given all that was asked. Attendance at the meetings was nothing short of spectacular. Past presidents gave of themselves and their wisdom and took assignments just like the new guys. Since we always had a quorum, they never got a chance to vote. Ever alert, I was always able to slap them down when one or two tried to sneak in a raised hand on an "Aye" or "Nay". Nice as they are, you have to watch them and that is my first piece of advice to the new president.

To my Chum-Line Interview victims; I just couldn't help it. There are just so many characters in this outfit, they beg to be satirized. It was all done in the spirit of great affection.

I'm trying to think of how I can end this without getting all smarmy and maudlin and sentimental. It comes down to this: I wish you all long and fruitful lives, fantastic fishing and, as Roger Bentley said last year, Albacore within twenty miles of the coast.

Thanks again.

H. Goodman

P.S. With regard to my efforts at re-election. It was really pretty close. The results were eleven to nothing against. With the change of a lousy six votes I would have been in. That's a near-miss in anybody's book.

WE WISH ALL THE LARRC'S AND THEIR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.  
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THERE WILL BE NO DINNER MEETING IN DECEMBER, THIS BEING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. IF YOU SHOW UP AT THE FISH SHANTY YOU WILL BE EATING ALONE.

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THE STAFF OF THE CHUM-LINE WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYAL READERSHIP THIS YEAR AND WISHES ALL OF YOU A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON. DRIVE CAREFULLY AND SING OUT BEFORE YOU CAST OUT.

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YOU WILL SOON BE GETTING NOTICES TO PAY YOUR 1982 DUES. PLEASE RESPOND PROMPTLY TO ENSURE THAT YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW ROSTER.

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DECEMBER 31, MIDNIGHT, IS THAT LAST OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR TROPHY FISH CARDS IN TO TED KOMORS. NO CARDY - NO TROPHY.

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TWO HARLEM RESIDENTS WERE WATCHING THE POPE'S LAVISH RECEPTION IN NEW YORK...

1ST MAN: THEY SURE DO TREAT HIM ROYAL. HOW'D HE GET THAT JOB?

2ND MAN: THE CARDINALS GIVE IT TO HIM.

1ST MAN: SURE WOULD BE NICE IF THE YANKEES DO THAT FOR REGGIE JACKSON.

CHUM-LINE INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH

The following interview was taken at Bill Naython's establishment on Wilshire.

C-L: Hi, Bill.  
Bill: Take off your shoes.  
C-L: What?  
Bill: I said take off your shoes.  
C-L: Why, for God's sake? I came down here to interview you.  
Bill: I feel more comfortable talking to people while I'm handling their feet.  
C-L: I'd be embarrassed. I think there's a hole in one of my socks.  
Bill: Just think of me as a doctor.  
C-L: O.K. Now I'd like to talk about those fish mounted on your wall. That's a beautiful Marlin. Where did you take it?  
Bill: Never mind the fish. Where do they hurt?  
C-L: My feet don't hurt and you're tickling me.  
Bill: You walked in here with a peculiar limp. Now give it to me straight.  
C-L: I swear to you. I've always walked that way.  
Bill: This little piggy went to market. This little piggy stayed home.  
C-L: You have a nice bed-side manner.  
Bill: Thanks. You're very trusting and naive, aren't you?  
C-L: You can tell that from my feet?  
Bill: You are also a slow learner.  
C-L: Gosh, yes.  
Bill: Anybody can sell you a bill of goods.  
C-L: I've bought a lot of things I didn't need. My wife gets mad at me.  
Bill: Hm. What's this? My God, will you look at this? Gotenu' This is amazing.  
C-L: Is anything wrong?  
Bill: Is anything wrong, you ask. You have a case of hallux valgus moribundus extremis and you ask if anything's wrong.  
C-L: Is it serious?  
Bill: Is it serious, you ask. I've lectured on this but I never actually saw a case and you ask if it's serious. We're going to make plaster casts of your feet and send them to Johns Hopkins for analysis. Meanwhile, you're going to be at complete bed rest for three months and you ask me if it's serious.  
C-L: But, I've got to make a living.  
Bill: First things first. Your health is more important.  
C-L: I'd like a second opinion.  
Bill: Why? everybody knows this is the top orthopedic establishment in L.A. Now, we'll just put your feet in these boxes and pack in some nice wet plaster.  
C-L: You're catching my pants cuff in the plaster.  
Bill: Sorry. Now, we'll just slash up these nasty old shoes of yours and throw them away.  
C-L: Stop. How'll I get home?  
Bill: We're calling for an ambulance. Remember, I said three months off your feet. Would you like the new shoes in alligator? We just got in a nice shipment of skins.  
C-L: Let me out of here. I'm going to get another opinion.  
Bill: Hey, you can't walk out of here with your feet in plaster.  
C-L: Where's the phone, please? I'm going to call my wife.  
Bill: See. I told you. You're limping.  
C-L: Hello, honey? Help me. I think I've got hallux valgus moribundum extremis and my feet are all in plaster. Yes, I came down to his store to interview him.  
Bill: What did she say?  
C-L: She's coming down here. You better look out, Bill.



# *Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club*

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## 1982 DUES NOTICE

1982 Dues.....\$60.00

Dues are payable on January 1, 1982. It is the decision of the Board that any members whose dues are not received by January 31 will have their names deleted from the Club Roster.

THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OR REQUESTS FOR 1981 DUES.

Please completely fill out the enclosed information card for the 1981 roster, even if the information is the same as last year, and send it with your check made payable to the LOS ANGELES ROD & REEL CLUB in the amount of \$60.00 in the enclosed return envelope to Ben Jacobs, Treasurer, 9570 Wilshire Boulevard #440, Beverly Hills CA 90212.

Donations to the LOS ANGELES ROD & REEL FOUNDATION may be made at the same time, but please issue a separate check for same.

YOUR PROMPTNESS AND COOPERATION ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

The following is a report of canned Tuna Prices for the fall of 1981 . Source: Nat'l Marine Fisheries Svc. Prices quoted in August FOB Cannery Terminal. Pacific Packers Report.

TUNA in water	1980	1981
White Meat, Solid Pack		
7oz. 24 Pack Case	\$28.70	\$31.65
7oz. 48 Pack Case	\$57.50	\$63.00

Light Meat Chunk Style		
6½oz. 48 Pack Case	\$49.00	\$51.00

TUNA in oil		
White Meat, Solid Pack		
7oz. 24 Pack Case	\$29.15	\$31.65
7oz. 48 Pack Case	\$58.00	\$63.00

White Meat Chunk Style		
6½oz. 48 Pack Case	\$49.95	\$54.90

Light Meat Solid Pack		
7oz. 24 Pack Case	\$25.50	\$26.50
7oz. 48 Pack Case	\$50.75	---

Light Meat Chunk Style		
6½oz. 48 Pack Case	\$49.00	\$51.00

The above information is for the Memberships' perusal. If you owe (borrowed) your buddy a case or so, So What.....Salmon Anyone ??

Sy Rimland.....

#### HAZARDOUS MARINE LIFE.....

Sea Urchins are often abundant and are a common cause of painful injuries. Although they are not aggressive, any sea urchin can be hazardous if it is accidentally stepped on or brushed against. The long-spined species that inhabit the tropics are especially hazardous. These species often have thin secondary spines that can cause more damage than the thick or primary ones, all of which are serrated making removal nearly impossible. If a puncture wound is incurred, extract those spines that can be removed and the rest can be left to dissolve or they may be surgically removed if an infection occurs. Application of... ammonia, alcohol, or citrus juice has been reported to hasten the dissolving process.

Now for the short spined variety, these can be gathered with gloves or carefully with bare hands.... The ripe gonads of these species are considered a delicacy which may be cooked but are most often eaten raw. Large numbers of sea urchins are being harvested from our local waters, and areas further north. A good sized industry has been developed because of the great demand for the roe by people in the orient. The edibility of the various species of urchins during their spawning season has been questioned but generally they are a good source of food. Expensive but good... A gourmet delight in the orient. A few sea urchins have cup-like pincer organs scattered among their spines which can be moderately venomous. Now remember Never play around with the long spined variety, it's the short spined ones that are the good ones. Have respect for all of them....

Since the above information is for our mutual benefit.. The research dept't takes the blame for borrowing it.....



"Nice cast . . ."

FISHING REPORTS by OTTO PAINTER

Ted hammock started his winter bass fishing charters on the NEW HUSTLER II on Nov. 18. Geo. Mio tried all night and finally found squid at 5 AM. Another skipper would have given up much earlier. The day was warm and beautiful. Calico bass and yellow-tail co-operated and everyone had a limit and a ball.

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Cy Lewin started his club charters on Nov. 25, aboard the Indian. This is a marvelous, clean fast boat skippered by one of the most congenial skippers it has been my pleasure to be with. The weather was raw and windy and not conducive to fishing but we tried. Very few fish were caught but Harry Ditlove did pick up one "Kalyika" bass that was a beauty. I would suggest that those who have not signed on with Cy better do so. It was a treat to have Bud Lorette as our skipper.

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Hear ye, hear ye!! Max Pansky has a new bride. We can't wait to meet her and bestow our blessings on the happy pair.

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SICK CALL AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Dave Trimble is in the hospital and recovering from surgery with another one coming up. He's chins-up and smiling all the way

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Dan Bartfield is at home recovering from eye surgery and can't wait to get a rod and reel in his hands.

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Marilyn Landsen, Doc Levy's daughter is now home and doing well.

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Lou Roloff is risting and gaining strength every day. Give 'em hell, Lou.

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MITCH LIPSETT chartered GEORGE MIO & the Hustler for Dec, 9th. A motley crew of players was assembled. GEO, found squid & we headed for San Clemente Island. It was a cold and raw day but the fishing was good. Limits or near limits were had by all. Those that didn't get limits seemed to be waving to their friends on the island, at least it looked that way. This was one of our better trips of the year. Thanks MITCH.  
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GOT A FRIEND WHO'S NEVER FISHED? TRY INTRODUCING HIM TO THE SPORT DURING THE WINTER SEASON. CY HAS PLENTY OF OPEN SPOTS SO THERE'S NO EXCUSE.

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WIFE WANT TO GIVE IT A TRY? THE LADIES ARE WELCOME AND MIGHT END UP UNDERSTANDING YOU BETTER.

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**~~~~~ The Adventures of Dee ~~~~~**



"Well, if those silly old fish will eat a tinsel jig, just imagine what they'll do to my left-over Christmas wrap!"

## Fishing Report

# Yellowtail, Bass Continue Late Showing

By JERRY RUHLow, *Times Staff Writer*

Anglers and marine biologists are pleased but puzzled over the late showing of yellowtail and white sea bass at Catalina Island which appears to be turning into one of the hottest fish runs in more than 15 years at a time when the game fish are usually long gone.

Whenever squid have been available for bait during the past two weeks, sportfishing boats working Catalina reported as many as five yellowtail per rod average along with a few white sea bass up to 45 pounds.

Last week, Sportfishing Association of California President William A. Nott fished the back side of the island aboard his 42-foot boat Aquanott, and the four anglers aboard each caught a three-fish limit of sea bass that averaged 16 pounds each.

They also loaded up on kelp bass to over 3 pounds, a 12-pound halibut and some sculpin and yellowfin croaker.

Nott, who has been active in the Southern California sportfishing industry more than 40 years, said it has been at least 15 years since he last saw an equal showing of large sea bass.

### Large Bass Broke Light Line

The four anglers caught only three fish under the 28-inch minimum, and Nott's wife, Winn, hooked and fought one sea bass that would have weighed more than 40 pounds, but it broke her 12-pound test line as she brought it into range of the gaff.

Yellowtail and bass are hitting only on squid, and on days when the boats are unable to collect enough squid for bait, anglers have had to content themselves with

only a smattering of kelp bass and shallow water rock fish.

The best sea bass and large kelp bass action has been on the back side of the island, while the yellowtail are breezing up and down the front side from Avalon to the rock quarry.

Both sea bass and yellows are hitting right on the bottom, the yellowtail in about 100 feet of water and with the squid baited on a leadhead or a 3/0 or larger hook and heavy enough sliding sinker to take it down quickly through the small perch that will otherwise steal the bait.

Rob Collins, a marine biologist for the state Department of Fish and Game, said the yellowtail should have been gone by this time of year, migrating south into Mexican waters.

### Water Warmer Than Usual

Collins added that the unusually good showing on the fish this summer was attributable to warmer water than normal, but he was at a loss to explain why the yellows have stayed around so late in the year.

He speculated that it might be because the warmer currents they would normally follow south have been cut off by an intrusion of colder water someplace down the line.

At one time white sea bass were common in local waters and single day catches of 1,000 or more fish were not uncommon.

But they have gradually disappeared, particularly over the past 20 years, until only rarely are fish much larger than the 28-inch minimum taken by sport anglers. In a random check of leading sportfishing landing operators and skippers this week, no one could remember any boat bringing in four limits of sea bass over 15 pounds in the past 15 to 20 years.

Collins said little is known about the migration of sea bass except that they occur in and near kelp beds and in schools several miles offshore, from Point Conception well into Baja California waters. He said a few fish occasionally move north as far as San Francisco and Tomales Bay.

### Sportsmen Blame Gillnet Fishing

Sportsmen and conservationists have blamed the demise of the white sea bass on uncontrolled gillnet and purse seine fishing in Mexican waters, but Collins said not enough is known to attribute the decline to any one segment of the fishery, and tagging programs have been inadequate to determine the migratory habits of the fish.

A 28-inch minimum size limit, three fish limits and a complete moratorium on taking sea bass of any size for two months during the summer have been implemented in an effort to revive the fishery.

"Undersize fish are taken frequently on private skiffs and piers by people who just don't know what kind of fish they are catching," Collins said. "It would appear that we are taking too many sea bass for what is available to us, and there are some (biologists) who feel the minimum size limit should be raised from 28 to 32 inches."

According to Collins, the 28-inch fish are 4½ years old and only 50% of the fish that size have had a chance to spawn, while a 32-inch minimum would guarantee that they all have a chance to spawn at least once before being caught.

Russ Izor, a retired sportfishing boat owner and operator, has been appointed to the anchovy subpanel of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the agency which establishes regulations and limits on commercial fish catches along the Pacific Coast. He will replace Herb Kameon, an officer with the National Coalition of Marine Fisheries. Izor, a Harbor City resident and tackle wholesaler, has been an outspoken critic of fishery management practices for nearly 30 years.



SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR.

